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SUBJ: QTN: QR CONSULTATIONS WITH CANADA

1. ON SEPTEMBER 26 U.S. AND CANADA HELD PRELIMINARY MEETING FOR QR CONSULTATIONS. U.S. (NEWKIRK) OPENED BY EXPLAINING PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO SET AGENDA ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT MEETING (SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 6) AND EXCHANGE PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON NOTIFICATION ITEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST. IN REVIEWING PRODUCTS COVERED BY NOTIFICATIONS, CANADA (AMBASSADOR GREY) AGREED TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL QR'S INCLUDING THOSE IN MEAT, GRAINS AND DAIRY AREAS IN CONTEXT OF NTM WORK ON QR'S.

2. IN DISCUSSING CANADIAN NOTIFICATION AGAINST U.S. TARIFF RATE QUOTAS (TRQ) (CERTAIN FISH, LIVESTOCK AND POTATOES), U.S. EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT THIS WAS MORE A TARIFF QUESTION SINCE TRQ DID NOT

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DITIONAL CHARGES. CANADA RACTED WITH BELIEF THAT THIS MEASURE WAS MORE A QUOTA MECHANISM AND CITED AUSTRALIAN ACTIONS ON TEXTILES AS EXAMPLE.

3. GREY INDICATED HE WOULD PERSONALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSULTATIONS ON U.S. COPYRIGHT LAW. HE NOTED THAT CANADIAN BOOK EXPORTERS FACED BARRIERS AT U.S. CUSTOMS ENTRY BECAUSE OF COPYRIGHT LAW AND HOPED WE WOULD HAVE CUSTOMS EXPERT IN GENEVA WHO COULD DISCUSS U.S. ACTUAL ADMINISTRATION OF CUSTOMS ENTRY AT BORDER IN DETAIL. GREY MENTIONED AS AN EXAMPLE A CANADIAN UNIVERSITY PRESS BOOK WITH ESSAYS BY 20 AUTHORS WHICH COULD NOT BE CLEARED THROUGH CUSTOMS WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION INVOLVING EACH INDIVIDUAL AUTHOR. DELEGATION IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER GREY'S COMPLAINT RELATES TO THE MANUFACTURING CLAUSE OR OTHER ASPECTS OF U.S. COPYRIGHT LAW AS WELL. CUSTOMS EXPERT EXPECTED FOR OCTOBER 6 NTM SUB-GROUP ON CUSTOMS MATTERS MEETING SHOULD BE BRIEFED TO HANDLE THIS ISSUE. MORE DETAIL ON CANADIAN COMPLAINT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FROM CHARLES KELLY, CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE, OTTAWA.

4. U.S. RAISED CANADIAN EMBARGO ON USED CARS AND OLEOMARGARINE. GREY, WHO WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN CONSULTATIONS REGARDING USED CARS, CITED USED CAR DEALERS CONSTITUENCIES AS MAJOR FACTOR BEHIND RETENTION OF LAW, BUT INDICATED THAT SOME DEALERS FAVORED ITS REVISION. WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW IF ANY U.S. USED CAR DEALERS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ACCESS TO CANADIAN MARKET.

5. COMMENT: MTN DEL APPRECIATIVE OF RAPID WASHINGTON EFFORT TO SUPPLY MATERIALS FOR MEETING. MEETING PROVIDES SIGNIFICANT PRECEDENT FOR ESTABLISHING CONSULTATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL AS WELL AS INDUSTRIAL QR'S. WALKER

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